Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 26 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 27 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 26 Oct 2023 at 03:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions to continue into the weekend. Low for extent of any persistent rain on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 26 Oct 2023: Cloudy with rain at times, most persistent in the north of the region

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					
Fog	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
30%	40%	40%	50%	60%	60%

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Weather: A cloudy day with outbreaks of rain or occasional highest summit sleet across the Cairngorms. Rain becoming persistent and occasionally heavy through the afternoon across the southern Cairngorms and Angus hills and also over Loch Tay and perhaps as far west as Ben Lawers in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres. The Ochils may see low cloud breaking from time to time, but breaks will be unreliable.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	11/16 SE	20/25 SE	22/27 SE	27/35 SE	26/34 SE	29/39 SE	29/39 SE
900	9/14 SE	13/18 SE	13/19 SE	21/28 SE	18/26 SE	21/30 SE	21/31 SE
600	4/9 SE	7/13 SE	6/12 E	13/24 SE	12/23 SE	14/26 SE	15/29 SE
300	1/3 W	3/8 E	6/14 E	9/20 E	10/21 E	10/22 E	11/25 E
Glen	1/3 W	4/8 E	7/14 E	9/19 E	10/22 E	10/23 E	12/26 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	2/-3	2/-4	3/-3	2/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4
900	3/-1	4/-1	4/-0	4/-1	4/-0	5/-1	4/-1
600	4/2	5/2	5/3	6/3	6/3	6/3	6/2
300	6/5	6/5	7/6	8/6	8/6	8/6	8/6
Glen	6/5	7/6	8/7	9/7	9/6	9/7	9/7
Freezing Level*	1500m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note significant wind chill at height. Winds will strengthen through the afternoon with a risk of gales on the highest tops by evening.

Forecast for Friday 27 Oct 2023
Weather: A lot of cloud through the day with outbreaks of rain, this heaviest and most persistent across the Cairngorms. Rain will ease through the evening. Strong to gale easterly winds.

Maximum wind: Easterly 30 to 40 mph on the summits, but nearer 50 to 60 mph over the Cairngorm Plateau

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, best chance in the northwest of the area

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, but this may break to the northwest of the Cairngorms at times

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 11 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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